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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides compositions, kits and methods for rapid identification and quantification of bacteria by molecular mass and base composition analysis.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT
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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>MEHROTRA M ET AL: "Multiplex PCR for detection of genes for <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> enterotoxins, exfoliative toxins, toxic shock syndrome toxin 1, and methicillin resistance"  <i>JOURNAL OF CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY</i>, WASHINGTON, DC, US, vol. 38, no. 3, 1 March 2000 (2000-03-01), pages 1032-1035, XP002224611  ISSN: 0095-1137  table 1</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-/-</p>	1-42

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PCT/US2008/057717**Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item 1.b of the first sheet)**

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
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 table(s) related to the sequence listing
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PCT/US2008/057717**Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This International search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International search can be carried out, specifically:
  
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International search report covers all searchable claims.
  
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.
  
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
  
  
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-42 (partially)

A kit comprising an oligonucleotide primer pair comprising a forward and reverse primer, each comprising between 13 and 35 linked nucleotides in length wherein the forward primers comprises at least 70% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 1465 and the reverse primer comprises at least 70% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 1466. Furthermore, the kit above comprising additional primer pairs for detection of *Staphylococcus aureus* and kits in which primers have been mass modified.

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2. claims: 1-42 (partially)

A kit comprising an oligonucleotide primer pair comprising a forward and reverse primer, each comprising between 13 and 35 linked nucleotides in length wherein the forward primers comprises at least 70% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 1467 and the reverse primer comprises at least 70% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 1468. Furthermore, the kit above comprising additional primer pairs for detection of *Staphylococcus aureus* and kits in which primers have been mass modified.

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3. claims: 1-42 (partially)

A kit comprising an oligonucleotide primer pair comprising a forward and reverse primer, each comprising between 13 and 35 linked nucleotides in length wherein the forward primers comprises at least 70% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 1469 and the reverse primer comprises at least 70% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 1470. Furthermore, the kit above comprising additional primer pairs for detection of *Staphylococcus aureus* and kits in which primers have been mass modified.

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## C(Continuation)- DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	<p>DATABASE Geneseq [Online]            II January 2007 (2007-01-11), "Bacterial            DNA PCR primer SEQ ID NO:874."            XP002497027            retrieved from EBI accession no.            GSN:AEM14131            Database accession no. AEM14131            sequence 874</p> <p>-----</p>	1-42
A	<p>KURODA M ET AL: "Whole genome sequencing            of meticillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus</i>  <i>aureus</i>"            LANCET THE, LANCET LIMITED. LONDON, GB,            vol. 357, no. 9264,            21 April 2001 (2001-04-21), pages            1225-1240, XP004806262            ISSN: 0140-6736</p> <p>-----</p>	